Seattle – Home To A Thriving Biotech Community



Why Seattle for Biotech?

Established, growing community of biotech companies

World-renowned life science research institutes

Consolidated facilities & infrastructure

Strong local government support

Access to highly educated workforce

Great quality of life



- 6th largest biotech community in the nation with 55 biotech firms in Seattle & 133 in Washington State
- Leading firms include: Amgen (750 employees), ZymoGenetics (350 employees), Cell Therapeutics (255 employees)
- Local biotech-focused venture capital firms
- Strong research centers at the University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center attracting funding and driving new ideas
- Strong NIH funding (\$650 million)
 - UW ranks 1st among all public universities in NIH Funding (\$390M in 2002)
 - Fred Hutchinson ranks 1st among all research institutes in NIH Funding (\$161M in 2002)
- Expanding entrepreneurial activity driven by new technology patents from large research institutions
- 4 Nobel Prize winners in life sciences
- South Lake Union: dedicated biotech hub
 - Active private investment by Vulcan with 10 million square feet of development capacity
 - Creation of a \$15 million biotech incubator, *Accelerator*, in association with the Institute for Systems Biology
- Proximity to the University of Washington, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Institute for Systems Biology, Amgen's Helix Research Center and other leading biotech firms - creating intersectional ties and collaboration
- Ample space for expansion
- Significant City investments in transportation and utilities
- City Zoning and Building Code changes accommodating biotech facilities
- Office of Economic Development's Business Advocate who provides permitting assistance and other support
- Sales tax exemption on facilities and tax credit on revenues for biotechnology and medical device firms
- Active professional associations that support industry growth (Washington Biotechnology & Biomedical Association, Washington Technology Center and the Technology Alliance)
- Extensive network of local universities, colleges, technical schools
- Ranks 1st in the US for residents with high school diplomas (93%); more than 36% have a BA degree
- Lively urban environment; beautiful natural surroundings
- Wide range of arts, cultural and sporting events and outdoor activities

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